

EYAK ECHO



September 2000

Ilnaka Health Center
Sue Clancy, Nurse Practitioner

IMMUNIZATIONS

Ilnaka Health Center has all the childhood vaccines in stock. If your child has upcoming immunization needs, please call the clinic at our temporary number, 3622, to schedule an appointment. You will need to bring your child's record of immunization (usually a yellow card) to the clinic at the time of appointment.

We also have the pneumonia vaccine which is recommended for people 65 and older, or those with chronic diseases such as diabetes, lung diseases of any kind, and heart problems. The influenza vaccine should be coming along in October and will be available to everyone I'll let you know when it arrives.



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Future Plans of NVE's 2000 High School Graduates:

- ◆ Thomasina Andersen will be attending the University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau.
- ◆ Ana Andersen will be attending the University of California, San Diego.
- ◆ Brad Aspelund is planning on attending AVTEC in Seward for Power Plant Maintenance.
- ◆ Stephanie Belgarde will be attending the University of Oregon, Linfield in McMinnville for communications.
- ◆ Brian Johannessen will be attending the Westcoast Training Inc. for Heavy Equipment and Dump Truck operations.
- ◆ Kyle King is planning on finding a college in the state of Washington for the spring semester.
- ◆ Wesley Ladd will be going into the Air Force.
- ◆ Jennifer McDaniel will be attending the Greenwood Beauty Academy in Seattle.
- ◆ Jill Reilly will be attending University of Alaska, Anchorage to study Elementary Education.
- ◆ Diana Riedel will be attending the University of Alaska, Fairbanks studying Natural Resources.
- ◆ Chris Sanculi is planning on spending the winter in Cordova; working at Alaska Commercial Company in the meat department.
- ◆ Other Youth Happenings: Monica Hopkins was one of ten from the United States to attend a foreign exchange in New Zealand. Monica will be leaving in January for one year.

***NVE receives permit for
Orca skeleton***
By Kate Williams, DEP

The Native Village of Eyak applied for a permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service last month to retain the Orca skeleton from the stranded killer whale at Hartney Bay in July. The permit was approved and NVE continues to work with the Prince William Sound Science Center, the US Forest Service and now Cordova Schools to complete this project. Bones have been submerged in Prince William Sound to be cleaned by the natural ocean environment and will soon be ready to come out. The Orca was identified as AT1 or "Eyak" as he was commonly known by marine mammal observers. Eyak was often seen with "Eccles", another male about the same age (25 years old). They were both part of the AT1 pod that has been observed since the 1980's in PWS. The pod is thought to have been severely impacted by the Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill in 1989, with less and less sightings of individuals and no births since that time. The cause of death for Eyak is unknown at this time.

NVE is seeking funding (three proposals have already been submitted) to complete this project. Project goals are to:

1. Rearticulate the Orca skeleton as part of community volunteer and student efforts from the Cordova High School and Prince William Sound Community College.
2. Provide training for Chugach Region Tribes and other individuals to become part of the Alaska Marine Mammal Stranding Network.
3. Incorporate the final display of the Orca skeleton into local educational curriculum/public education projects and create, publish and distribute a



ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES
by: Kate Williams, DEP

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***NVE Seeks Funding to Expand Summer Sea
Otter Monitoring to Winter***

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Environmental Engineering Firm Selected to Conduct Eyak Lake Water Quality

Assessment NVE solicited proposals from engineering firms to conduct a long-overdue assessment of the water quality of Eyak Lake. The contract was awarded to HDR Alaska, Inc. located in Anchorage. They have already begun background research into the Lake, meeting with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Field work is scheduled for October 2000.

Environmental Program seeks Student

Intern NVE's Environmental Program is still searching for a student intern. Preference is given to a student who has an interest in environmental/natural resource issues and will be a eligible for participation in the School to Work Experience Program (SWEP) through the Cordova School District, but anyone can apply and will be considered. Contact Kate Williams, Director of Environmental Programs, at 424-7738 for more information or stop by the office and fill out an application. The position is open until filled.

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Contract Health Facts

By Sue Clancy, Nurse Practitioner

Just an update to help keep up with the changes. All contract health bills must be brought to the Ilanka Health Center and given to Cindy Graham, the office manager. It is very important to bring the bills to Cindy as soon as you receive them. Any questions about any contract health issues can be answered by calling the clinic at 3622.

Contract health funds are used to pay for services that the Ilanka Health Center does not provide. A few examples include: emergency care after hours, lab and X-ray services, dental services, & visiting specialists at CCMC (such as the eye doctor).

Contract health funds **will not** be used to pay for the following:

- ❖ Use of CCMC emergency room for non-emergency illnesses that can be seen at the clinic the following day.
- ❖ Allergy testing and treatment
- ❖ Home health care
- ❖ Any procedure classified as experimental by the Alaska medical community
- ❖ Acupuncture
- ❖ Elective termination of pregnancy
- ❖ Fertility studies
- ❖ Procedures, services, and supplies related to sex transformation
- ❖ Inappropriate use of ambulance services
- ❖ Cosmetic surgery
- ❖ Custodial or nursing

home care

- ❖ Extended care or skilled nursing care facility

- ❖ Services rendered to Beneficiaries acting against medical advice

Ilanka Health Center News

By Sue Clancy, Nurse Practitioner

The clinic is open for business Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30 pm, our phone number is 3622. Please feel free to stop by and visit or make an appointment for any health problems.

Some of the services the clinic provides are: prenatal care, management of chronic disease (high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma), care of common illnesses such as strep throat, colds and flu, back problems, & stomach problems, broken bones, & cuts that need stitches.

Preventive services are also a part of the care at the clinic. These services include: women's health (birth control, Pap smears, breast exams), sports physicals, wellness physicals for infants and children, physical exams for adults, immunizations for children, & blood pressure checks, to name a few.

The clinic is able to perform certain lab tests such as urinalysis, blood sugar testing, checking for anemia, strep throat tests, & pregnancy tests. Lab work can also be ordered to be done at CCMC such as cholesterol tests, PSA, and complete blood counts. Also, tests for hearing can be done at the clinic.





7th Annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch
November 10 - 12, 2000
Cordova, Alaska

This year's celebration is on November 10 - 12, 2000 in Cordova, Alaska. The theme is "Let It Begin With Me!". Let sobriety begin with yourself, be at Sobriety Celebration 2000. This year is extra special, Sobriety 2000 is being dedicated to Kevin Blake, age 15, and Kenneth Kramer, age 10. These two young men were senselessly killed by a drunk driver this summer near Portage, Alaska. Charlotte Phelps, from Victims For Justice in Anchorage, will be the keynote speaker, she will speak on the victim's impact of drunk driving. Joe Lind, a counselor from the Ernie Turner Center will speak on "Chemical Dependency in Alaska".

The Arts & Crafts Fair will be on November 10 & 11, two days this year. We are working on a Native Youth Olympics Mini-Meet for Friday November 10, at the Cordova High School. Friday, the evening of November 10, the Premium Blend Band, from the Ernie Turner Center, will be performing at the high school gym. This will be their second year at Sobriety.

The Native Village of Eyak has successfully hosted six sobriety celebrations, and it has blossomed in support and attendance since 1994. This conference brings the communities in Alaska together to battle substance abuse issues as well as provide education on prevention for Tribal members, Cordova community residents, and members of surrounding villages. The 1999 Sobriety Celebration brought together over 400 participants to Cordova. The Native Village of Eyak has learned over the years that there are many ways in which Alaskans can work together to combat substance abuse with this event as a vital tool in strengthening our communities to overcome alcoholism and substance abuse. This is an opportunity to promote and share cultural events through Native dance, arts & crafts, traditional song and dress, hospitality, and a subsistence feast. Celebrate with us the progress that our culture has made in promoting and achieving sobriety.

We look forward to seeing you at Sobriety Celebration 2000.

Glenora M. Zimmer
Sobriety Celebration Coordinator

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

August Birthdays

LOUIE ALBER
MYRA ALLEN
VERA ALLEN
DAWN BARNES
LARUE BARNES
JASMINE BISHOP
CRYSTAL DEVILLE
ZACHARY DONALDSON
MARTIN FAULKNER
ASHLEY GRAHAM
JOHN GRAHAM
DONALD GRAHAM
ROBERT HENRICHs
ERIC B. JOHNSON
AVIS KOMPCKOFF
JAMIE KOMPCKOFF
DEAN L. KRAMER
DEAN KRAMER JR.
WESLEY LADD
CHERYL LETTICH
ALMA LUDWIG
AMANDA LUGWIG
ROSALIE MANLEY
SHERYL MCCRACKEN
BRITTNEY MCDANIELS
MARIE NICHOLS
CHARLES NIPPELL
EDWARD OLSEN
STANLEY PEARSON
DANIEL RANNEY
LYNNETTE RONNEGARD
BRUCE SCHNEUER
WALTER SCHNEUER
MIKE WEBBER

September Birthdays

JENNIFER ADKINS
SYLVIA ALLEN
JUSTIN ALLEN
KATHRYN ANDERSEN
NICHOLAS ASPELAND
JACK BABIC JR
JESSICA BABIC
FAITH BARNES
CHRISTINE BELGARDE
LLOYD BELGARDE
STEPHANIE BELGARDE
AMANDA BURCH
RICHARD BURCH
DOROTHY V. DALE
JOSHUA DONALDSON
WALTER ELISOVSKY
MARLENA FONZI
SHELDON M FOX
CAROLINE GLASEN
ROBERT HAGER
KAILA HAWLEY
NADIA HOFFHINES
ROBERT A HOOVER
DANIELLE HOPKINS
SHANNON HOTTINGER
TERI MELUGIN
VIRGINIA MILLER
MINNELL PEACE
CASEY PERRY
ADAM SANDERS
DEBRA SMITH
IRENE WEBBER

Native Village of Eyak

Tribal Council:

President-Robert Henrichs
Vice-President-John Mark Hoover
Secretary/Treasurer-Mark King
Council Member-Jack Hopkins
Council Member-Glenn Ujioka

Native Village of Eyak

Staff

Executive Director:

Bruce Cain

Receptionist:

Sally Stolberg

Bookkeeper:

Florissa Espejo

ICWA Coordinator: *Marlena Fonzi*

CHR/CHC:

Myra Allen

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Mary Babic

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Kate Williams

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Sue Clancy

Office Manager:

Cindy Graham

Summer Sea Otter Surveyors:

Chris Belgarde

Seawan Gelbach